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91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Education-Higher, April 23, 2002, with recommendation that the House Committee Substitute for House Bill Nos. 1321 & 1491 Do Pass.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 161.415 and 173.260, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to certain scholarship programs.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 161.415 and 173.260, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 161.415 and 173.260, to read as follows:

161.415. 1. Within the limits of amounts appropriated therefor, the department of
2 elementary and secondary education shall make available up to [one] **two** hundred one-year,
3 renewable scholarships in an amount of two thousand dollars to minority students for the purpose
4 of encouraging minority students to enter teaching. **Such scholarship shall be increased to**
5 **three thousand dollars if the student is entering the special education field.** Such
6 scholarships shall be available to minority high school graduates and college students who are
7 residents of Missouri, and who enter and make a commitment to pursue a teacher education
8 program approved by the department of elementary and secondary education and offered by a
9 four-year college or university located in Missouri, or who after the completion of their
10 baccalaureate degree enter teacher education and make a commitment to teach science or
11 mathematics, and who have:

- 12 (1) Achieved scores on an accepted standardized test of academic ability, including, but
13 not limited to, the SAT, ACT, SCAT, which place them at or above the seventy-fifth percentile;
14 and
15 (2) A high school rank at or above the seventy-fifth percentile.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

16 2. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of scholarships or revenues available,
17 the department of elementary and secondary education may consider the financial needs of the
18 applicant.

19 3. Any college or university located in Missouri which offers a teacher education
20 program approved by the department of elementary and secondary education, and wishes to have
21 the scholarships provided pursuant to this section made available to eligible applicants for
22 admittance to such college or university, must provide matching funds to match one dollar for
23 every two dollars made available by the state pursuant to this section for students attending the
24 college or university. Such matching funds shall not be taken from money made available to the
25 college or university from state funds. The total scholarship available to any one student from
26 state and from college and university sources pursuant to such match program shall be three
27 thousand dollars per year **for all minority teaching scholarships except those for special**
28 **education majors, for whom the total shall be four thousand five hundred dollars per year.**

29 4. A recipient shall be eligible for a renewed scholarship for a maximum of three
30 additional years. Eligibility for renewed scholarships shall be based on criteria established by
31 the colleges of education and the department of elementary and secondary education.

32 5. As used in this section the term "minority" includes Asian Americans, Hispanic
33 Americans, Native Americans and African Americans.

34 6. The scholarships provided in subsection 1 of this section shall be available to
35 otherwise eligible students who are currently enrolled in a community college and make a
36 commitment to pursue a teacher education program approved by the department of elementary
37 and secondary education and offered by a four-year college or university located in Missouri.

173.260. 1. As used in this section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the
2 following terms mean:

3 (1) "Board", the coordinating board for higher education;

4 (2) "Eligible child", the natural, adopted or stepchild of a public safety officer or
5 employee, as defined in this section, who is less than twenty-four years of age and who is a
6 dependent of a public safety officer or employee or was a dependent at the time of death or
7 permanent and total disability of a public safety officer or employee;

8 (3) "Employee", any full-time employee of the department of transportation engaged in
9 the construction or maintenance of the state's highways, roads and bridges;

10 (4) "Grant", the public safety officer or employee survivor grant as established by this
11 section;

12 (5) "Institution of postsecondary education", any approved public or private institution
13 as defined in section 173.205;

14 (6) "Line of duty", any action of a public safety officer, whose primary function is crime

15 control or reduction, enforcement of the criminal law, or suppression of fires, is authorized or
16 obligated by law, rule, regulation or condition of employment or service to perform;

17 (7) "Public safety officer", any firefighter, **volunteer firefighter**, police officer, capitol
18 police officer, **reserve peace officer**, parole officer, probation officer, state correctional
19 employee, water safety officer, park ranger, conservation officer or highway patrolman employed
20 by the state of Missouri or a political subdivision thereof who is killed or permanently and totally
21 disabled in the line of duty;

22 (8) "Permanent and total disability", a disability which renders a person unable to engage
23 in any gainful work;

24 (9) "Spouse", the husband, wife, widow or widower of a public safety officer or
25 employee at the time of death or permanent and total disability of such public safety officer;

26 (10) "Tuition", any tuition or incidental fee or both charged by an institution of
27 postsecondary education, as defined in this section, for attendance at that institution by a student
28 as a resident of this state.

29 2. Within the limits of the amounts appropriated therefor, the coordinating board for
30 higher education shall provide, as defined in this section, a grant for either of the following to
31 attend an institution of postsecondary education:

32 (1) An eligible child of a public safety officer or employee killed or permanently and
33 totally disabled in the line of duty; or

34 (2) A spouse of a public safety officer killed or permanently and totally disabled in the
35 line of duty.

36 3. An eligible child or spouse may receive a grant under this section only so long as the
37 child or spouse is enrolled in a program leading to a certificate, or an associate or baccalaureate
38 degree. In no event shall a child or spouse receive a grant beyond the completion of the first
39 baccalaureate degree or, in the case of a child, age twenty-four years, except that the child may
40 receive a grant through the completion of the semester or similar grading period in which the
41 child reaches his **or her** twenty-fourth year. No child or spouse shall receive more than one
42 hundred percent of tuition when combined with similar funds made available to such child or
43 spouse.

44 4. The coordinating board for higher education shall:

45 (1) Promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this section;

46 (2) Determine minimum standards of performance in order for a child or spouse to
47 remain eligible to receive a grant under this program;

48 (3) Make available on behalf of an eligible child or spouse an amount toward the child's
49 or spouse's tuition which is equal to the grant to which the child or spouse is entitled under the
50 provisions of this section;

51 (4) Provide the forms and determine the procedures necessary for an eligible child or
52 spouse to apply for and receive a grant under this program.

53 5. An eligible child or spouse who is enrolled or has been accepted for enrollment as an
54 undergraduate postsecondary student at an approved institution of postsecondary education shall
55 receive a grant in an amount not to exceed the least of the following:

56 (1) The actual tuition, as defined in this section, charged at an approved institution where
57 the child or spouse is enrolled or accepted for enrollment; or

58 (2) The amount of tuition charged a Missouri resident at the University of Missouri for
59 attendance as a full-time student, as defined in section 173.205.

60 6. An eligible child or spouse who is a recipient of a grant may transfer from one
61 approved public or private institution of postsecondary education to another without losing his
62 **or her** entitlement under this section. The board shall make necessary adjustments in the amount
63 of the grant. If a grant recipient at anytime withdraws from the institution of postsecondary
64 education so that under the rules and regulations of that institution [he] **such recipient** is entitled
65 to a refund of any tuition, fees, or other charges, the institution shall pay the portion of the refund
66 to which [he] **the recipient** is entitled attributable to the grant for that semester or similar
67 grading period to the board.

68 7. If an eligible child or spouse is granted financial assistance under any other student
69 aid program, public or private, the full amount of such aid shall be reported to the board by the
70 institution and the eligible child or spouse.

71 8. Nothing in this section shall be construed as a promise or guarantee that a person will
72 be admitted to an institution of postsecondary education or to a particular institution of
73 postsecondary education, will be allowed to continue to attend an institution of postsecondary
74 education after having been admitted, or will be graduated from an institution of postsecondary
75 education.

76 9. A public safety officer who is permanently and totally disabled shall be eligible for
77 a grant pursuant to the provisions of this section.

78 10. An eligible child of a public safety officer or employee, spouse of a public safety
79 officer or public safety officer shall cease to be eligible for a grant pursuant to this section when
80 such public safety officer or employee is no longer permanently and totally disabled.